

God's Holy Feast Days Reveal the Plan of Salvation.

The Old Testament feast days found in Leviticus 23:1-40 reveal God's plan of salvation for mankind.

THE SABBATH

The first feast day in God's plan of salvation is the 7th day Sabbath. It was given to man, to keep him from leaving the true and living God. Exodus 20:11 lets us know who created heaven and earth.

Exodus 20:9 Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

In order to keep the world from going into idolatry and serving other gods, God gave man the 4th

commandment. Mankind does not have to worry about serving other gods because he will know that the Lord is his creator.

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Leviticus 23:3 Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

PASSOVER

The Old Testament passover lamb represented a type of the true Lamb of God; who is Jesus Christ of Nazareth. God sent Jesus Christ to be sacrificed for the remission of mankind's sins. Jesus is that Lamb who's blood was shed to take away the sins of those who receive Him.

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

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Leviticus 23:5 In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's passover.

DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

Part three of God's plan of salvation is the Days of Unleavened Bread. Unleavened bread symbolizes how we must keep sin out of our lives so that we can continue to be in this plan of salvation.

I Corinthians 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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Leviticus 23: 6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

PENTECOST

The fourth part of God's plan of salvation is Pentecost or the Feast of Weeks. This holy day celebrates the cutting of the wheat harvest. The wheat harvest symbolizes the first people God offered salvation to on the Day of Pentecost. These people, who received the Holy Spirit, are the Bride of Jesus Christ. They are not only called for salvation, but they are also called for a position in the kingdom to assist the ruling Christ.

Revelations 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Revelations 20:44 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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Leviticus 23: 10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

FEAST OF TRUMPETS

The fifth part of God's plan of salvation, found in the Old Testament, is the Feast of Trumpets. The Lord used the Old Testament Feast of Trumpets to show how He would come for His church and give them glorified bodies to reign with Him forever. Also, God will gather His elect from the children of Israel from the 4 corners of the earth.

1 Thessalonians 4: 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Isaiah 27:13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Matthew 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

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Leviticus 23:24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

DAY OF ATONEMENT

The sixth part of God's plan of salvation is the Day of Atonement. The Day of Atonement shows how satan will eventually be removed so that The Lord can be at one with His new born again family.

Atonement is a great plan of redemption. On that day, the Israelites had to afflict themselves through fasting. Aaron the priest took two goats

and presented them before the Lord. Aaron cast lots between these two goats to see which one would be for the Lord as the atonement sacrifice upon the alter in the Most Holy Place.

The goat on which the Lord's lot fell was a type of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The goat on which the lot did not fall became the scapegoat which is a type of satan. This is how God will send His strong angel to bind satan in the bottomless pit so that he may not deceive the nations anymore.

Romans 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Hebrews 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The reason we still keep the day of the Atonement is because the scapegoat, satan the devil, who deceived the world into sinning, has yet to be

bound in the bottomless pit with the sins of the world placed on his head.

Revelations 20: 1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

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Leviticus 23:27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

The seventh and final part of God's plan of salvation is the Feast of Tabernacles. God took the Old Testament Feast of Tabernacles to show how He would gather the rest of humanity and those in

the grave who never heard the truth and give them a chance to receive salvation.

John 7:8 Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast: for my time is not yet full come.

9 When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee.

10 But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

John 10:16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

2 Corinthians 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

The Last Great Day, which is the eight day of the Feast of Tabernacles, symbolizes when the dead in the grave will be resurrected and have a chance to receive salvation.

Revelations 20: 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

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*Leviticus 23: 33 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.*

35 On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.

37 These are the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:

38 Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.

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